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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of the above-referenced patent application and agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentable. However, applicant takes no position regarding the Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner other than the positions applicant may have previously taken during prosecution. Therefore, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance should not be attributed to applicant as an indication of the basis for applicant's belief that the claims are patentable. Furthermore, applicant respectfully asserts that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record and applicant does not waive its rights to such arguments by not further addressing such reasons herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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